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For: GOLD CONJUGATES CONTAINING DETERGENT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner of Patent  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 10, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated April 10, 2001, the period for response being extended from July 10, 2001 until September 10, 2001 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 17-21 and 23. Add new claims 24-39 as follows:

*Sub 11*  
~~--24. (New) A method for stabilizing conjugates composed of colloidal particles and biomolecules, the method comprising:~~

~~adding detergent to a solution containing biomolecules, and thereafter  
loading colloidal particles with the solution.~~

*C1*  
25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the amount of detergent does not exceed a critical micelle concentration.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the concentration of the detergent is 0.001 to 1 mM.